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West Side Neighborhoods: Safe or Dangerous? A Matter of Perspective

by Edie Trimmer

This article is the third in a series of four, examining myths and facts about the West Side. Three families were interviewed about their perceptions of crime in their immediate neighborhoods. The families live between 1700 South and 600 North, adjacent to 900 West. While there are many measures of how people create good neighborhoods for their families, crime is an issue which comes up frequently in discussions of what West Side neighborhoods are like.

Myth III: West Side neighborhoods are safe places to raise a family.

At Post and 300 South: Colleen and Charles Grierson have lived in their elegant, Victorian-era home on Post Street for eleven years. The house belonged to Charles' family and he has lived in the Poplar Grove neighborhood most of his life. Their home is one of many beautiful turn-of-the-century homes (most of which are in need of repair and renovation) in the area.

The Griersons are one of five or six families who have lived in the neighborhood for more than five years. The turnover in the neighborhood has greatly increased and they no longer know or associate with many of their neighbors.

According to the Griersons, most of the homes nearby are rental properties, owned by landlords who do not screen tenants, invest in repairs or even rid homes of cockroach infestations. "People move in and out all the time," says

Colleen, "and every family seems just like the last—kids [involved] in gangs and drugs, parents who don't care or can't control their kids." Colleen and Charles witness a lot of gang activity, with every variation between Skinhead and BDG and say there are several drug houses in the area. Young people between 13 and 23 seem to be the most involved in the gang and drug scene.

The Griersons have a son, 20, and a daughter, 15. Colleen is grateful that neither is involved in gang and drug activities. Their daughter, cheerful and

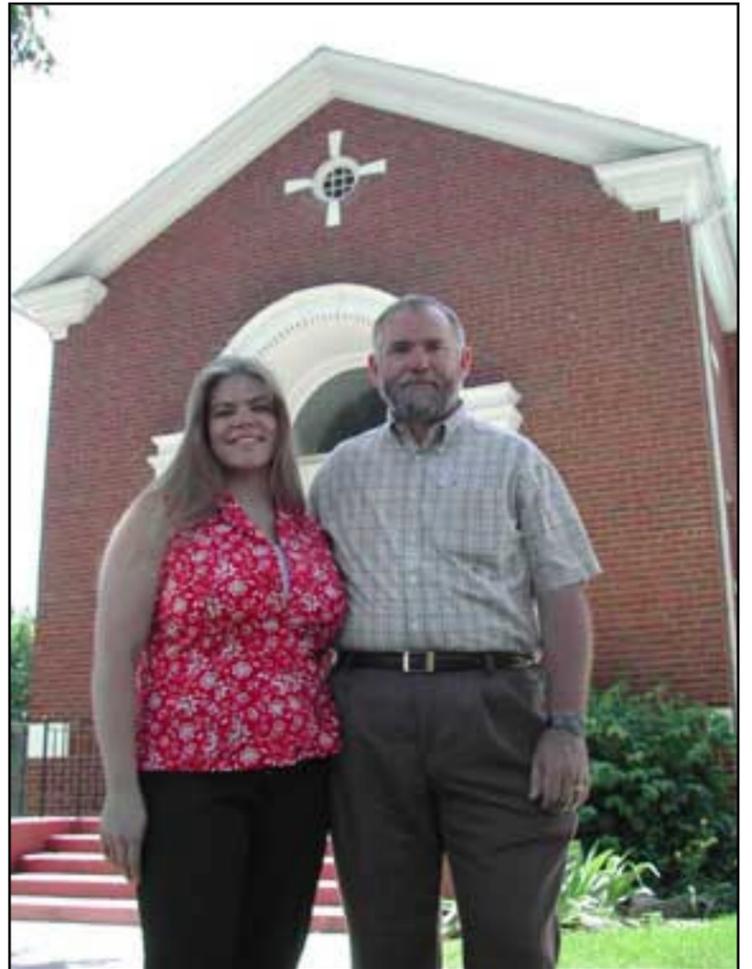
direct, talks to me about her experience in the area and confirms the sense of danger her parents feel. She and her dad were caught in crossfire between two gangs less than a block from the house. A year ago, a six-year-old child was kidnapped from the corner of Post and 300 South. A girlfriend of hers from the neighborhood was found murdered at Strawberry Reservoir.

The Griersons call the police often about suspected gang and drug activities but are frustrated with the response from the police. "They tell us to get license numbers, but that's not so easy to do," says Colleen.

Charles asked about Mobile Watch but was disqualified from joining because of his involvement in a traffic accident without auto insurance. For them, the sense of community has long disappeared and they feel isolated and trapped within their home.

At Riverside Drive and 1700 South:

On Mother's Day, in the Glendale neighborhood at 1700 South and Riverside Drive, I



John and Shawney Robinson feel safe in their unique home in the Fairpark neighborhood.

Photo: Chad Jepperson

talked with Tom Jimenez and his eighteen-year-old son, interrupting their work on Tom's truck. The small, red

brick bungalows in their neighborhood overlook the Jordan

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High School Students Study the Art of Documentary

by Matt Bradley

Almost a year ago, the College of Humanities at the University of Utah and Spy Hop Productions



Spy Hop students, Julian Lopez, Tony Lopez, and Ben Carthell get hands-on experience in the art of documentary film-making.

began a unique collaboration that culminated with the screening of three short student-produced documentaries. The three documentaries, produced as part of the

larger "Crossing the Tracks" documentary project spearheaded by the Center for Documentary Arts, explore different themes relating to Salt Lake City and how we as residents of the city relate to the "east/west" lines that often get drawn. One film looks at the historical settlement of the west side of Salt Lake. The other two explore more contemporary topics, including hip hop recording artists and stereotypes, and media portrayals of the east and west sides of Salt Lake.

Through creating these documentaries, the students began to learn the art of documentary filmmaking while exploring pertinent topics relating to their community. In the development and research stages of the films, the students met with several historians and professional documen-

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Teen Organizes 9-11 Memorial with Utah Federation For Youth

by Edie Trimmer

In rain and cold, on April 26, a small group of people from all over Salt Lake City met at the International Peace Gardens to create a memorial to lives lost in the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The event was organized by Talon Ozmore, a west side teenager.

Ozmore was awarded a grant for the event and for the purchase of "peace trees" that were planted next to the Jordan River in Glendale Park. Giving him support and assistance were Troy Bennett of the Utah Federation for Youth and many committed individuals who volunteer for that organization. Wonderful Outdoor World, a program introducing the natural world to west side kids, is

sponsored by the Utah Federation for Youth.

The following are excerpts from speeches by Ozmore, and two Glendale Middle School students, Imelda Jimenez and Krystal Landrove (more students spoke; my apologies for not getting their speeches to report).

Talon Ozmore spoke:

"On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes. Two planes were used as missiles to destroy two towers in the World Trade Center. One plane crashed into the Pentagon. One crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. This horrible tragedy resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, treasured structures, and a valued national sense of safety.

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tary filmmakers, visited the Utah Historical Society archives, took tours of the city, identified and questioned stereotypes, and addressed issues such as racism and classism.

As one participant said, "I've learned more than I could've imagined. I came into the program without a clue, but now I have the knowledge of making a documentary. . . I've learned a great deal of history that I would have otherwise never learned. I've also learned more about the stereotypes we all have against and for each other."

In addition to the technical skills and ways to think about

our community that the participants gained, the high school students from West, East, Hillcrest, and Layton High Schools earned college credit through the University of Utah, which is committed to engaging with communities on the west side of the city.

The premiere screening on May 31 was followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers and then a panel discussion that addressed some of the issues brought up in the documentaries. The panel members included Ed Buendía from the Department of Education, Culture, and Society (U of U), Les Kelen from the Center for Documentary Arts, Meredith Lavitt from the

Sundance Institute, Alice Maurice, an award winning documentary filmmaker now teaching in the English and Film Studies Departments at the U of U, Matt Montoya from the University/Neighborhood Partnership, and Ana Vakapuna, one of the student filmmakers from West High School.

Ultimately, we hope these documentaries can be stepping-off points for future community discussions about issues relating to our city and our communities. Support for screenings has been provided by the Utah Humanities Council. If you would like to host a screening and discussion, please contact Matt Bradley at 532-7500 or matt@spyhop.org. ♦



From left to right: Jini Palmer, Paige Emerson, Davi Silveira, Toni Lopez, Ben Carthell, Jay Garcia, and Julian Lopez introduce themselves at the premiere screening of "Crossing the Tracks", a series of three short documentaries exploring the east/west divide of Salt Lake City.

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"As a nation, we shared shock and disbelief, horror, fear, sadness, grief, despair, anger, rage, worry, stress, and the need to take action. Each of us has been affected in an individual way by this tragedy."

"Heroes have and will continue to emerge. We can all become heroes by helping ourselves and those around us to recover, enhancing the safety of us all, and when possible, finding ways to act that will make life better now and in the future."

"My name is Talon Ozmore. I am a student at East High. In conjunction with the Utah Federation for Youth, I have helped organize this community event and am pleased to welcome you all here today. My purpose for implementing this community wide memorial/dedication is to honor the many individuals whose lives were dramatically affected on September 11. I also hope this event and others like it will serve to promote tolerance, peace, and a sense of unity within our worldwide community."

"Terrorist attacks in our country and threats of war are frightening experiences for all Americans. We, as human beings, must help one another to feel safe at a time when the world seems a dangerous place."

"Each one of us is affected in some way by war or terrorism not only in our home country but in the countries of our fellow human beings worldwide. For many, like myself, the support of caring individuals and the gathering together of communities will make the difference between being overwhelmed and being able to cope with tragedy."

Imelda Jimenez spoke:

"Fear: fear is one of my worst feelings. Insecurity: I feel insecure with the war going on and with what Bin Laden did to us. Sadness: Bin Laden left sadness behind."

Krystal Landrove spoke:

"What I think most of the 9/11 attacks is what it has given us. Fear: we wonder, is there going to be another attack? Are we safe to ride in an airplane? Are our children safe to play outside? These

are questions in everyone's minds, yet they remain unanswered. Protection: the airports now have more security. The police stations are on high alert. Police officers are now looking twice as hard at green cards, passports, and anything that is considered identification. Togetherness: people are now helping each other...Those who are blessed with riches are giving to those who are less fortunate and less blessed...The 9/11 attack has given us a taste of the good (protection and togetherness) and bad (sorrow, frustration, confusion, and fear). 9/11 is like a big box of emotion; some feelings will be easy to forget, but some will take time."

Following the speeches, Ozmore invited members of the audience to express their reactions to 9/11. Many tears were shed. Slowly at first and then person after person, youth and adult alike, described their grief over that tragedy and the resolve to work for tolerance and a better sense of community at many levels—in neighborhoods, within Salt Lake City and across nations. ♦

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River and Glendale Park and look like they are 1970s vintage. Tom and his family have lived in this home for two years, but Tom has lived all of his 47 years in west side neighborhoods. In addition to his 18-year old son, he also has a seven-year-old boy.

Tom says Glendale is much like other neighborhoods. He feels safe and thinks there has been improvement in terms of crime over the past several years. "The troublemakers got older and wiser," he says, "or else they're in prison or dead." When I ask about the neighborhood schools, his mood darkens: "The schools are full of kids showing off how tough they are."

Tom's son answers my questions in a voice so low, I strain to hear him. He has been shot in a drive-by shooting, taking nine bullets. He admits he is in a gang and that he has no plans to get out of gang life. Like my own 18-year-old son, he has dropped out of school. Like my son, he is looking unsuccessfully for work and the independence he thinks it would bring.

Tom Jimenez listens to our conversation. He does not like his son's choice of friends. "They party or fight all night, showing off how tough they are, then they sleep all day and let mom and dad take care of them." There is anger and worry in his voice. He would like for his son to go back to school, just as I wish my son would.

Despite the differences between father and son, both are proud of their West Side history. "This is a good neighborhood," says Tom, safe except for teenagers with no jobs and too much to prove to

each other.

At North Temple and 600 West:

Jon and Shawney Robinson live in possibly the most unusual home in Salt Lake City. Originally a church building, it is located in the Guadalupe neighborhood, adjacent to a plasma center on North Temple and 600 West. In the beginning, it was an LDS Stake house, then a Catholic church for many years. Living in a converted church is every bit as magical as one could imagine - a fascinating maze of large rooms and halls, soft and changing light, stone steps leading grandly to the front door flanked by the two ell's of the building's wings. Thinking that it is still a church, people sometimes knock on the door requesting assistance.

Jon has lived in this house for eleven years. Before that he lived several years in Rose Park. He grew up in Bountiful, which he loved as a child, but he and his family prefer the excitement of an urban neighborhood in revival. The Gateway is within walking distance. CitiFront, a complex of townhouses on North Temple, will soon be ready for occupancy. It will mix retail and living space for families from a wide variety of economic and ethnic backgrounds.

The Robinsons send their two children, a 12-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter, to Washington Elementary. The neighborhood school is Jackson Elementary. Shawney says that she understands that Jackson is also a good school, with the principal, teachers and parents working to establish rules of conduct to assure that the school is a safe place for its students.

"I feel safe walking this

neighborhood," say Jon. "Prostitution is the kind of crime we see here. It is an annoyance, but it isn't the kind of crime that makes me feel unsafe." Shawney counters, "Except for the element who come into the neighborhood because of prostitution. But I feel more unsafe because of the lack of sidewalks." She also worries about broken bottles and drunk drivers on weekend nights when trendy partiers visit the clubs on 200 South. For Jon, more people on the street means a safer area, even if they are partying teenagers on a Saturday night.

How safe do the Robinson's children feel? Shawney calls their son and daughter and a couple of their friends. The kids' sense of their neighborhood mirrors that of the adults. They walk without concern to The Gateway, two to three blocks away. Their daughter, however, volunteers that she sees people who dress strangely and that makes her feel uneasy. Shawney laughs because the kids have been trying on clown wigs to while away their Sunday afternoon.

None of the kids have been threatened by gangs. They know there is tagging in the neighborhood and that drugs are bought and sold. Jon, however, can't think of any known drug house in the area. Since the neighborhood was plagued with crime and drug traffic a few years ago, this is a dramatic difference. Jon and Shawney love their Guadalupe neighborhood and the kids enjoy their unconventional house in a vibrant neighborhood.

These have been candid remarks from local residents, but is there hard evidence to prove that West Side neighborhoods are safe places to raise families?

Jacob Brace is Coordinator

for Weed and Seed, a federally-funded program which brings together law enforcement and neighborhood residents to "weed" out crime and "seed" in the elements that create unique and healthy communities. The Weed and Seed area in Salt Lake City is the entire West Side, except neighborhoods north of 600 North and west of Redwood Road. Brace provided Salt Lake City Police crime statistics from 1996 to 2002 for the Weed and Seed area. The statistics are for a range of crimes, from

minor to violent: vandalism, family disputes, commercial sex, burglaries, weapons charges, drug-related offenses, and homicide. Crime rates for all offenses grouped together are very similar throughout the city; nine to 10 arrests each month per 1,000 residents. These rates have declined since 1996 from rates of eleven to twelve arrests each month per 1,000 residents. The rate for the Weed and Seed area in 2002 is somewhat lower than for Salt Lake City as a whole.

So why is there a sense of danger among some neighborhood residents? The answer might lie in the much higher rates for violent crime in the Weed and Seed area, even though in actual numbers these arrests are only a small fraction of total arrests. Arrests involving weapons in the Weed and Seed area are almost twice the rate of the rest of Salt Lake City. Aggravated assault charges, kidnappings (including custody disputes),

and homicide rates are also much higher in most years, although in some years the rate for homicide has been significantly less than for the city at large. The rate of family disputes is approximately 50% to 80% higher than for the rest of Salt Lake City. Interestingly, rates for drug offenses are very similar for the

entire city, while rates for burglaries, fraud, and forgery are higher in other Salt Lake City neighborhoods than on the West Side.

The statistics do not provide information on what age groups are involved in violent crimes. However, age-related data is available for drug offenses on the West Side in 2002. One third of those arrested were under the age of 26, a few as young as 12 and 13. Drug-related charges are not considered to be violent crimes but are often a secondary charge indicating that drug usage is involved in many other crimes.

The hopeful news is that the rate for violent crimes on the West Side has declined since 1996, although there has been a rise in such crimes as family disputes and illegal possession and/or use of weapons. For weapons charges there were fifty-five arrests in 2000, seventy arrests in 2001 and ninety-seven arrests in 2002.

I tell Jacob Brace about the stories I have heard of children and teenagers who have been shot at or caught in gun cross-fire. I ask him his opinion about who might be most at risk - in addition to youth, are race and poverty factors? Brace replies, "I look at police stats (for Salt Lake City) and to me, they are not alarming. Of course, I'm used to big East Coast cities. However, when you talk to residents and youth, they begin painting a picture that the numbers do not."

He recalls his recent conversation with a 14-year-old girl at the Sorenson Center who had been in detention "for doing 'bad' things." There were streets she said she could not walk along in safety. Brace feels that he can walk safely anywhere on west side streets and asked why she did not feel safe. She tugged on her blue sweatshirt.

"So, where do we begin combating crime where kids choose to represent a gang instead of being a youth enjoying life? The numbers say one thing, the people say another," he said.

Overall, west side residents value their neighborhoods, but interviews with some teenagers reveal a different perspective on how safe our neighborhoods are. What can we do as adults to create a sense of safety for our youth and their families? ♦

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Message From the Poplar Grove Community Council

To the People of Poplar Grove:

Having pondered the subject of citizen responsibility, I would now like to familiarize those concerned with the origin of the community council.

It was through the town meeting that our forefather patriots practiced the art of democracy. Farmers turned activists spoke with their neighbors at meetings throughout the country and defined themselves collectively.

Among the many resolutions set forth in the year 1774 was: "Resolved, that it is the indisputable duty of every American, and more especially in this province, to unite in every virtuous opposition that can be devised, in order to save ourselves and posterity from inevitable ruin."

From pigs and pews to the exercise of political rights, the meetings were forums for the people to act in their own behalf. Few of us today concern ourselves with livestock, yet we face issues of no less importance. From barking dogs and speeding cars to the Main Street Plaza, our modern-day town meeting, the community council meeting, is the forum for such discussion.

Currently, the community council is proposing an Olympic Park to be built along the Jordan River Parkway between 400 South and 500 South. Complete with a gathering area encircled with benches, this could be a lasting centerpiece to our neighbor-

hood. The council has also requested a traffic signal to be installed at 600 South and 900 West. This intersection has been a public safety concern for many years. We now hope to see this hazard corrected.

Salt Lake City not only recognizes the Poplar Grove Community Council but also encourages us to provide input, information, and recommendations and to sometimes act upon various issues affecting our neighborhood.

All members of the community are welcome and invited to attend monthly community council meetings.

The Poplar Grove Community Council currently meets at:
25th Ward Meeting House
1145 West 500 South
Each Fourth Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Poplar Grove Community Council meetings will NOT be held in June or July 2003. The next meeting will be held on August 27. Mayoral candidates Molonai T. Hola and Frank R. Pignanelli will be guests.

Community Dates to Remember:

July 9 - Councilman Turner's Town Meeting
August 1 & 2 - St. Patrick's Parish Summer Carnival
August 5 - Poplar Grove Community Council's Night Out Against Crime

GLENDALE FORUM

Message From the West Salt Lake Community Council

The West Salt Lake Community Council is experiencing a lot of change right now. Erin Willson, who has served as chair since January stepped down at the May 21 meeting. Her husband was transferred to Springfield, Illinois. The concerns and needs of the Glendale community were left in the capable hands of the remaining executive committee, Janette Gonzales, Jesse Draper, and Terry Ingersoll. Members of the community council can expect a smooth transition and follow-through on projects started when Erin was here.

Besides a change in leadership, the by-laws have been revised and submitted for approval by the general membership. Among the proposed changes are a name change from West Salt Lake to Glendale, correction of outdated boundaries, requirements for vice chair, and updated language. Everyone in the community is encouraged to become familiar with the by-laws and

submit their input to any of the executive officers.

Many beneficial assets are planned for Glendale. Several groups are working on the area of the Jordan River Parkway known as the Glendale Peninsula with hopes to repair the bridge, plant appropriate trees and plants, install a labyrinth and in general clean up the area. In another location of the parkway known as the Bend in the River, plans are underway to improve the area to accommodate all west side residents and school children in particular. Look for updates on the exciting events.

Night Out Against Crime is coming up on August 5. Volunteers are needed to make this event the best ever. And, while you are in the spirit to serve, ten committees have been proposed. Contact any of the executive officers for more information and to volunteer. Janette Gonzales 973-0385, Jesse Draper 680-6405, or Terry Ingersoll 972-5769.

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place to live and work. We encourage everyone to participate in any way they can. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Sorenson Center at 855 W. California Avenue. Although they are important and serve as an excellent method for sharing information and giving input, attending meetings is not required to be an active member of the community. There are many ways to participate in community activities. Take the time to find out what you can do to make Glendale the best place to live in Salt Lake City!



The West Side's Best Kept Secret: The Jordan River Parkway

by District Two City
Councilman,
Van Turner

The Jordan River Parkway continues to be a great amenity in our community that provides

recreational opportunities and activities for residents that can be enjoyed year round. During the past few years, we have seen improvements such as new trailheads, pedestrian bridges and parking.

An exciting new project to develop vacant land along Modesto Avenue and the Jordan Parkway at 1175 South into a neighborhood park is in the planning stages. A partnership between public entities such as Salt Lake City and the Justice Department's Weed and Seed Initiative, and private corporations such as Bank One, has been formed with the goal of combining resources to develop a new community park that will enhance the natural environment of the river and provide activities for all ages.

Some of the suggested features for the new park are a demonstration garden with drought resistant and native plants, enhancement of the wildlife habitat, a bio-filtration demonstration, a site for outdoor classes, a weather station and a chil-

dren's playground. Watch for an update on the proposals for the new park in the next issue of The West View. There will also be ample opportunity for neighborhood input and participation as the planning process proceeds.

The new lighting that is being installed along the Parkway will also increase the safety and usability of the Jordan River Trailway. During each city budget year, a segment of the river is funded for lighting. The next section will be from Brooklyn to 900 South, with the sections from California Avenue to 1700 South and 1700 South to 2100 South to follow.

I hope you will take the time to explore the Parkway this summer to look for the latest improvements and enjoy the beauty of this natural open space within our community.

We are pleased to announce the winners of our Winter 2002/03 Photo Identification Contest: Hoa Tram, Kim Nguyen and their two sons Dan Tham, 12 and Trung Tham, 8.

They correctly identified the most photos of community landmarks to win a \$20 gift certificate to Chubby's Mexican Restaurant in Rose Park. Congratulations to the winners for knowing their neighborhood well!

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ROSE PARK REPORT

Message From Rose Park Community Council

Actions have been observed which would harm our young children going to and from school. We encourage you to escort young children yourself or join with other families and take turns to insure the safety of our children. If you see any suspicious vehicles, (for any reason) get the license number, call the police 799-3000 and report it. License identification is most helpful and important. Never send your child to school alone.

A quote from the SLC Ordinances: "It is unlawful for any property owner or tenant to cause or permit any unlicensed, inoperable, unused or abandoned vehicles or vehicle parts to be in or upon any premises unless the premises is licensed for such use." The ordinance also prohibits abandoned junk, scrap metal, scrap or used lumber, machinery, household furniture, appliances, rubbish and other things. If there is a problem in your neighborhood YOU need to call the Mayor's office, 535-7976, and register your concern. The community council does not do this. YOU

need to take the responsibility.

Except in designated areas" it is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care or custody of any animal to allow such animal at any time to run at large." To animal owners who walk their pets on leashes and carry the bags and shovels to pick up droppings from the animals, we give a hearty HURRAH! Want your neighbor to like you? Keep the animal droppings scooped up! To read the whole ordinance, go to the SLC Web site.

There is nothing as constant as change. What we created forty years ago has evolved and changed. Hopefully with this change we have increased our love for our fellow man – all of our fellow men. The Founding Fathers of our nation knew "that all men are created equal, (with equal opportunity), that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our United States is a leader among peoples of the world because of our constitution. It

allows us to go where we desire to achieve happiness.

Perhaps our neighbors do not like the way we cut the lawn, the color of our make up, or hair, or car or anything else. But is the responsibility for us as individuals to forgive and improve our own behavior. If we harbor resentment we only canker ourselves. Let us be helpful and accepting of others and we will be uplifted by different religions and nationalities. We might even improve ourselves by learning a new language!

Rose Park Community Council commends Peter Lassig, chief gardener on Temple Square and also of our own Day-Riverside Library grounds upon his retirement, for the beautiful gardens and his unselfish generosity in our behalf. He planted the trees on the east side of the Jordan River and watered them from his own property with extensions of hoses. The Council presented him with a Plaque at our May 7 meeting. Thank you, Peter Lassig!

Why I Like Rose Park

Rose Park in the springtime is an unforgettable sight. Fifteen years ago when we visited friends in the area, I remember thinking that if my family were to ever live here we would go for walks every day, and our spirits would be lifted as we listened and watched all the lovely signs of nature. It looked so peaceful, well-tended, and beautiful. A year later we bought our current home and have remained here ever since.

I grew up in and have lived in four other countries. It has been an interesting life, but one which has made me constantly thankful for my privilege to come to this land and become an American citizen. I have also lived in four other states in America. Utah is the best! And Rose Park in the springtime is still lovely.

The people in this area are kind, unpretentious, family-oriented, God-fearing. Many families have lived here for

years, and although they could afford to move to wealthier areas, they choose to remain. Often parents have children who have chosen to buy homes in this area. It is affordable and accessible.

I love the ethnic and cultural diversity in Rose Park. I teach piano lessons to children from many different lands. It is impressive to see the intelligence and talent of this generation of children, many from immigrant parents, who have

dreamed and made sacrifices to come to this free land of America. I relate to them and feel at one with them.

Our four children have all attended the local schools-Newman, Northwest and West High. The teachers, on the whole, were dedicated, and enduring friendships were formed. This has been a safe haven to raise our family.

This is a unique and enduring area of Salt Lake City. May it continue to remain a place of peace and beauty.

by Molly Wilhelm

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FAIRPARK FOCUS

Message From Fairpark Community Council

The State Fairpark Community kicked off the summer with its 4th Annual Spring Fiesta on Saturday, June 7 from 11am to 5pm. It was held on the grounds of the Northwest Multipurpose Center at 1300 West 300 North. We had a great variety of live entertainment, lots of give-aways between entertainment, around 35 food, crafts and information booths, children games, free swimming, free sports clinics and, for the first time, a climbing wall.

We also had the ribbon cut-

ting and Open House for the new City Front Apartment complex the day before our fair on June 6th. This is a Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) project that has really improved the looks of our neighborhood at 641 West and North Temple and will provide some much needed rent-controlled and supervised affordable rental property. We appreciate the tremendous amount of work NHS has put forward to improve our neighborhood with their new home and remodeling programs.

On June 14, the Guadalupe Park clean-up was held. We had a good turnout from the neighbors. To show his appreciation for to all those who participate in the several clean-up projects in District 3, City Councilman Eric Jorgensen organized a luncheon at City Creek Park.

In August, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) will kick off their Paint Your Heart Out campaign. Our neighborhood will participate with homes to be painted and volunteers to paint them.

The State Fairpark Community Council is a great place to live. We have great people who care about their neighbors and are willing to volunteer to help out where needed. For example, our sponsors of the red crossing flags Charles and Alta Filmore and Angie Velasquez give of their time and effort to replace red crossing flags that were broken or stolen, and the community donates to the cost of replacement. We couldn't wish for better people.

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Weed and Seed Report

So much has happened since last spring and it is finally time to tell you about it. The Weed and Seed steering committee met late March to develop a strategy for the 2003-2004 year. We had a great turnout! Many residents and representatives from departmental

agencies were there. Various ideas and suggestions were heard. We didn't agree on everything, but we did agree that we would like to see things done just a bit differently.

We redefined our goals and strategies. We sought to represent the neighborhood in a way that would allow it to move with time. Some examples include: reducing the number of illegally held firearms in our neighborhood, incorporating a bike patrol in the Weed and Seed area, providing various programs to provide the youth and their families with uniting activities,

and creating a community park that serves the whole neighborhood. I am very pleased to be a member of a group that influences so many people in a positive way.

I am also happy to report that our National Conference went well. I was able to meet many people and discuss best practices. One of the greatest aspects about Weed and Seed is that it is a proven strategy for our community. I learned that not all sites operate in the same manner and not everything that is tried is achieved. But, the important thing is that it was tried. I

also learned that with open communication comes the ability to create rich relationships between community members and departmental agencies.

I like to think of Weed and Seed in this way: We strive to improve the community by uniting them and helping them discover their utopian society. Until we meet again, Cheers!

Kate Rubalcava
SLC Weed and Seed Chairwoman

SLC Police Dept Opens New Pioneer Precinct on West Side

The Salt Lake City Police Department opened the doors to its new Pioneer Precinct on June 23.

The facility is located at 1040 West 700 South (former Salt Lake Community College's Trucking School site) and will house the Pioneer Patrol Division, commanded by Capt. Zane Smith and the Training Division, commanded by Capt. Ken Pearce.

This move signifies a return to traditional neighborhood policing and interaction with the residents of adjacent communities.

The Pioneer Precinct is a welcome site for our police officers

as well as the citizens of west side communities. The precinct will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will facilitate most law enforcement functions. The facility will greatly increase opportunities for citizen walk-in contacts with police officers, administration and Community Action Teams.

The administration will work normal business hours and will occasionally adjust their shifts to accommodate community functions and policing activities. Police officers will be in and out of the building throughout the day, writing reports and conducting training, problem solving,

investigative follow-up, interviews, etc. The Community Action Teams will work in the building, conducting community meetings and training then will be available for community contacts.

The Police Training Division will also occupy the building. It will conduct quarterly training for the current police officers on the department and the in-house academy for new recruits. There are three large training rooms, which will be available for community meetings, training and other activities.

There is a five-lane indoor soundproof shooting range at the

building that will facilitate the qualification and certification of police officers and new recruits. In addition, there is a complete fitness facility with aerobic and weight equipment.

The Police Department is excited about the move to the new precinct. The philosophy of the department is community oriented policing and this building will extend this effort into the

community. Establishing the precinct in the neighborhood, affords the citizens an opportunity to contact an officer without having to call or drive downtown to fight traffic and look for available parking.

Be on the lookout for a grand opening celebration as the Police Department announces its move as an accessible and positive neighbor. ♦

Recruiting Hispanic Organ Donors

by Ben Dieterle

She's a regular feature in the west side communities of Salt Lake City. Whether on the air with Telemundo, Univision, Radio Unica, and Radio Fiesta or in print with El Semanal, Mundo Hispano and La Prensa, Rocio Mejia shares her message to anyone who will listen. "Organ and tissue donation saves lives, many lives," she says.

Born in Mexico, Mejia immigrated to the U.S. about 14 years ago. She's well aware of homeland misconceptions about organ and tissue donation. "In my country, many people don't donate their organs and tissues,

because they don't trust the healthcare system," she said. "Here in the U.S., the transplant community tries to help everyone that needs an organ or tissue transplant. My job is to teach the Hispanic community that donation is the right thing to do."

Her message seems to be working. Since Mejia started walking the beat two years ago, many in the community have rallied behind her efforts. Campos Markets, a chain of specialty grocery stores, has educated its clientele about donation. Churches and civic groups have invited Mejia to speak to their members. A Spanish language helpline has received hundreds

of calls about donation.

The most telling result of her work has been the number of Hispanic donors. For the last several years, Hispanic donors have made up 10 percent of total donors. This statistic is consistent with their percentage of total population in Utah, between 8 and 10 percent.

"People are understanding that being a donor means you are helping your own community, which is great, because there are many Hispanics who are waiting for transplants," Mejia said

To learn more about organ and tissue donation, call 1-866-YES-UTAH or visit our Web site at www.yesutah.org. Español 1-801-521-0550. ♦



Rocio Mejia recruits Hispanic donors for The Utah Coalition for Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation. ♦

Utah Donor Registry Tops One Million People

by Ben Dieterle

Since its launch in April 2002 with Gov. Mike Leavitt, the Utah Donor Registry as recorded over one million potential organ, eye and tissue donors.

Alex McDonald, Chairperson of the Utah Coalition for Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation, remarked on the phenomenal success of the new Utah Donor Registry. "Consider this fact," said McDonald, "over 74% of Utahns

between the ages of 16 and 74 have joined the Utah Donor Registry."

When Gov. Mike Leavitt, Utah State Senator Karen Hale and the Utah Coalition for Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation launched a \$1.06 million,

first-time federally funded, online database, the Driver License Division provided approximately 900,000 names of people who designated "yes" on their licenses for donation. Since then, a comprehensive marketing and community outreach campaign to educate and register Utahns as organ, eye and tissue donors, has increased the donor registry to over a million potential donors.

This remarkable milestone was celebrated with a commemorative billboard campaign in Salt Lake City. The new billboard reads, "1 Million Utahns have said 'yes' to organ donation. Have you?"

A survey performed last year indicates that 91% of Utahns favor donation, while currently only 65% of families consent for donation when a loved one dies. The discrepancy is due in large part to family grief and confusion about a potential donor's wishes at the time of death. Now, families will be notified if their deceased member was on the registry, relieving them of having to guess what their loved one wanted.

The Utah Coalition for Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation (www.yesutah.org or 1-866-YES-UTAH) is a group of organizations dedicated to inspiring Utahns to donate life through organ, eye and tissue donation. The Coalition members provide a variety of donor family services, transplant services, and education outreach programs. ♦



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From the Editor

by Charlotte Fife-Jepperson

In the process of putting together this issue (which always happens somewhat magically and frantically), a dual theme of youth and poetry unintentionally crystallized.

Our young people are our community's future leaders, teachers, writers, laborers, doctors, scientists, artists, coaches, etc. So much is at stake with our youth - let us nurture, guide, value, teach, love and invest in them.

I would like to thank the people who help keep this paper alive. Without the patience and support from my husband, Chad Jepperson, I would not be able to see each issue through. Without the wisdom and vision from my friend, Edie Trimmer, who contributes meaningful articles and guides the content of each issue, this paper would be seriously lacking in substance.

Without the advice and encouragement from our "mentor", James Fisher, University of Utah professor of Communication, we would be totally lost in an expanse of unknown journalistic territory.

The financial support from Salt Lake City and assistance from Jacob Brace, SLC Weed and Seed Coordinator, has been unwavering. Thanks also to the many groups and individuals who contribute important articles, events, stories, photos, and advertisements. Without you, The West View would not exist.

The West View staff looks forward to rich collaborations with the community in future issues. Please let us know your ideas and thoughts about the paper. We are here to provide a voice for you.

Get Parents Involved in Neighborhood Schools

As an educator on Salt Lake City's west side, I am fully aware how poorly prepared a large segment of Utah children are for the rigors of higher education, and I am also fully aware of how gifted and talented many of those children are.

A variety of ideas, such as quotas and school choice, have been suggested on how to "raise the

bar" for Latino/Hispanic children in Utah, so that more will graduate from high school and go on to graduate from college.

In my opinion, these ideas are somewhat shortsighted. We need to implement solutions that will not only benefit our own children, but all children; for it will be all children that determine Utah's future.

Research has shown again and again that parental involvement is the major key in a child's academic success and aspirations. Therefore, we need to find ways to involve Latino/Hispanic parents, whether they speak English or not, in the education of their children in their own neighborhood schools. Parents, educators, and community members work-

ing together in their own neighborhoods by setting goals and implementing effective programs will not only make a difference for Latino/Hispanic youth, but for all of us in the state of Utah.

Barbara Lovejoy,
ALS (ESL)/ Dual Immersion
Coordinator, Jackson
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How the West Side Lost

Most citizens, on the East Side as well as the West Side, want the Union Pacific (U.P.) to vacate the 900 South Line. Unfortunately, we're not all on the same page. The East Side and the West Side are divided against each other, while the West Side is divided against itself.

Several residents living by the 900 South rail line have complained to the Mayor about the railroad whistles blowing during the night. They need their sleep because they have to work during the day. So the Mayor is negotiating with U.P. to mitigate the whistle problem, making some West Siders feel betrayed. How can the Mayor pursue the lawsuit if he is negotiating with the enemy? We must understand that the Mayor is between a rock and a hard place.

We need to convince these 900 South residents that there are other issues besides the whistles. Let the Mayor get the lawsuit over with as soon as possible. We are off the mark in attacking the Mayor. It's the City Council that has the votes and the way to influence them is to influence and educate their constituents.

The city's lawsuit has not been successful so far. The 10th Appeals Court, not valuing the

sanctity of a written oath, has sided with the Surface Transportation Board, which seems to be a law unto itself.

The West Side, the active element of it, has a Plan B, in case the lawsuit fails. We voted to withhold approval for the intermodal hub until the 900 South line is vacated. Unfortunately the rest of the city doesn't agree with us. They want the intermodal hub as much as U.P. wants the 900 South line. West Siders know that the hub will benefit the West as well as the East Side, but these benefits mean nothing as long as the 9th South line is active.

We realize also, from a monetary aspect, that U.P. is acting in its own self-interest just as the average citizens are. Often, average citizens unconsciously act in complicity with the big corporations. But there is a difference between the two: intent.

Someone suggested that we write a book about our adventures with U.P. Unless we can pull our act together, and do the work we have to do, I suggest the appropriate title for this book would be: "How the West Side Lost."

Leon Johnson,
Poplar Grove

Look Past Skin Color, Give Your Support

After reading a brief editorial back in May in the Deseret News, entitled "Minority Outreach: Whites Taking Heat", I thought I would share my personal and professional opinion with the community.

The general tone of the article was one of skepticism and suspicion, depicting white people in jobs that might well have gone to persons of color.

I may have felt the same way, but I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with two of the women mentioned in the article. The one I know best is Irene Fisher. She has labored long and productively for all of the people in the State of Utah. She has been particularly effective serving the poor and often overlooked population in Salt Lake City and other areas of the state.

Fisher was, for many years, at the helm of Utah Issues, an organization that exists to bring a better lot in life to the less fortunate (Utah Issues is now under the most capable

leadership of Bill Crim, another white person who has served the minority community well and continues to do so).

Fisher is the Director of University/Neighborhood Partners, a community center with a mission of "bringing together University and West Side resources for mutual learning, action, and benefit". The building is located at 1060 South 900 West in Jordan Park. She wants to make a difference! Find the time to offer her your support instead of your criticism (she has heard all of the criticism before).

I say look past skin color and find ways to either criticize the person for their community work or lack thereof. Isn't that what we want of our leaders of color?

Robert "Bip" Daniels,
SLC Planning Commission,
Glendale Neighborhood

Benefit Film Screening at Brewvies will Raise Money for Documentary on Biodiesel Fuel

Some people would be surprised to know that the United States produces 3 billion gallons of used fryer oil each year, but they would be even more astonished to discover that this used fryer oil could easily be converted into clean burning diesel fuel.

On Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m. a benefit film screening will take place at Brewvies (677 South 200 West in Salt Lake City) of a new short film, "The Veggie Van Voyage," which tells the story of a cross-country trip in a van fueled with fryer grease from fast-food restaurants. The fuel is called biodiesel, and it can be made from any type of vegetable oil. The benefit will raise money for

"Fields of Fuel," an upcoming feature length documentary about biodiesel.

Salt Lake City resident, Missy Goldberg, edited the short film "The Veggie Van Voyage" and is producing and editing the feature documentary film "Fields of Fuel". According to Goldberg, "...these films come at a critical time in our nation's history. They show a viable solution to our energy crisis in a way the average person on the street can understand."

Goldberg is working with National Geographic cameraman Scott Simper, also of Salt Lake City, and with international biodiesel expert and author Joshua Tickell of New Orleans,

Louisiana. The trio will travel to Europe, Australia, and across the United States in search of the people who are taking on big oil from their backyards.

Famous for his "Veggie Van USA Tours" in the late 1990's (www.VeggieVan.org), Tickell has been working with biodiesel fuel since he saw it on a farm in Germany in 1996. His book, "From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank: The Complete Guide to Using Vegetable Oil as an Alternative Fuel" has sold 20,000 copies in the United States and Australia. According to Tickell, "The first time I saw biodiesel, I knew it could strengthen our nation. The question was 'How do we make



Alternative fuel vehicle "The Veggie Van", as it traveled across the country.

people aware of this incredible technology?" After two tours in his Veggie Van and a book, Tickell settled on making a film. "It's the only way to create a critical mass around biodiesel," he says.

Goldberg, Simper and Tickell hope to raise \$20,000 to film the first leg of their feature film in Europe this August. At the July 31 fundraiser, the filmmakers will

show their short film; Tickell will give his biodiesel slideshow; there will be a raffle of cool prizes from local businesses and a public forum to discuss biodiesel with the Mayor's office. Tickets for the event are \$10. You can purchase tickets at www.VeggieVan.org. For more information, email missyg@veggievan.org. ♦

A forum for resident histories, stories, and milestones including births, deaths, marriages, anniversaries, graduations, etc.

Congrats to a New College Graduate



Kate Rubalcava

Salt Lake Community College announces its graduating class of 2003. As one of the graduates, Kate Rubalcava is happy to hold her Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Kate is active in the community as Chairwoman of SLC Weed and Seed, columnist in The West View, member of Eastern Star, and employee at the Sorenson Multicultural Center. When she is not so goal oriented, Kate loves to go out with her friends and dance the night away! Congratulations Katydid, we are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad!

In Memory of Todd Koester

May 18, 1979 - March 3, 2001



To Daddy,

I'm not standing alone, because my daddy's always with me. I know, because he told me so. He'll be forever in my heart and

dreams. I love daddy very much, because he's my shining star!

Love,

Hunter, your baby girl

Joe E. Lopez

April 20, 1941 - May 27, 2000



In memory of Joe E. Lopez, a loving, generous husband, dad, grandpa, friend, compassionate soul. Missing your laughter, smile and touch.

Remembering your inspiring personality, devoted heart, and Your prayers for Joe and his family are appreciated.

New Arrival

Cocsiaossi and Sierra Peck

Michael and Pauline Peck on Concord Street are the proud new grandparents of twins, Cocsiaossi and Sierra, born at LDS hospital on May 8, 2003.

Picturesque Poetry

Review of "*Beyond October*"

By Shawn Dallas Stradley.

Poetry. 117 pp. Salt Lake City, Utah.

Available at Sam Weller's, King's English, Golden Braid, Jeweled Maidens, and Ken Sander's. \$19.95

by Esha Blosch

When I think of poetry, I imagine a Polaroid picture - a single moment that captures emotion without a visual guide. For me, poetry is good when words and their arrangements induce an image, which in turn, creates an emotion.

In his newly published book entitled, *Beyond October*, Shawn Stradley's arrangement of words creates a pristine picture. I see the images that he sees like a photograph, and truly they are beautiful. He pulls subtleties from mundane life that, often, a lot of us don't see - like a focal point under a microscope. He is able to capture the essence of these everyday things - gives them descriptions laced with his own

symbolic interpretation, which I found quite enticing.

When I read a poem, I not only want a beautiful image and a clever usage of words, but I also want my thoughts to be provoked. In some instances, Stradley's poetry achieved this, but mostly I was left craving a magic carpet ride that would allow my mind to wander somewhere it had never been before.

Stradley writes, "I have lived in the Fair Park Neighborhood for the past nine years. Like most people in the area, I live in a very old house. My poetry speaks a lot to the "West Side". Not just of Salt Lake, but even ... for gotten areas of [other] cities.

Out of the City

Day ends,
close over the viaduct walkway.
Sidewalk cracks widen, expand and deepen
as potholes silently
form across ten tracks
in the leafless night.

Closed-door boxcars carry mysterious cargo.
Open-door boxcars reveal their emptiness.
Crib cars full of dark, dull, dim
twilight glimmering on rusted

bones
rumble slowly
towards the reincarnating smelter.

Evening star Venus
set in deepening blue,
impending black,
glows like the dim cigarette embers
of sidewalk shadow prostitutes, and looks
down
through the twilight orange
streetlight expanse
of the quietly dilapidating
urban-Victorian neighborhood
and creates a wish.

- from *Beyond October*,
by Shawn Dallas Stradley

Poplar Grove Family Copes with Loved One Serving in Iraq

Poplar Grove residents Sam Sr. and Catherine Smith are the parents of two children in the Army Reserve, Sam Jr. and Stacy. In March, a few days before his 37th birthday, Sam Jr.'s 172nd Army Reserve hospital unit was deployed to Iraq. Catherine Smith agreed to speak with me about being the mother of a son in Iraq (Sam Jr.'s family also includes his wife Cathy and their two children, Nathan, 13 and Mary, 11).

Sam Smith Jr. could be in Iraq for a long as a year. The time of service is indefinite. Catherine writes to her son three times a week and talks with him occasionally on the phone. She received a splendid Mother's Day bouquet from him. She and Sam Sr. each own t-shirts sporting his military photo above the phrase "A (mother / father) of a USA soldier".

Catherine says Sam Jr. does

not convey much about his life in Iraq except to complain about the heat. He maintains his sense of humor with her, while talking more seriously with his dad, Sam Sr. He is not allowed to provide any details about his service in Iraq.

Nathan and Mary miss their father. His absence has been especially hard on Nathan. His junior high teacher was showing continuous TV coverage of the war in his classroom until Cathy intervened. The constant reminder of his father's dangerous situation was difficult for Nathan. Catherine, like her grandson, also wanted to avoid the 24-hour-a-day coverage of the war in Iraq.

Both Catherine and Sam Sr. are veterans. She served on U.S. soil, while Sam Sr. served both in World War II and the Korean War. Their experience affords them some advantage in obtaining information about

their son, although Catherine still does not think highly of the support programs in place for soldiers' families.

Catherine and Sam Sr. are sustained by the prayers offered by congregational members of their church, Calvary Baptist Church. Sunday dinners with her daughter-in-law and her grandchildren are even more important to her now.

In addition to disrupting family life, the war in Iraq has also interrupted Sam Jr.'s job in the media department at Salt Lake Community College and his volunteer hours as a DJ for KRCL. For seven years he hosted "Sounds of a Party" on KRCL and loved every minute of it. He hopes his job and his volunteer work will be there for him when he returns in approximately one year from the anonymity of service in the strange land of Iraq. ♦

POETRY

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“The Dream”

West Side, East Side, West Side, East Side
Like the wheels of a train
As they go over the tracks
Clank-clank, Clank-clank, Clank-clank

East Side, West Side, East Side, West Side
Like the sound of a bouncing ball
As a child throws it against the wall
Badang-badang, Badang-badang, Badang-badang

I look through this window everyday
Everyday
Looking through the window of my life
Watching
Watching the raindrops hit the pavement
Watching
Watching the raindrops form psychedelic rainbows
Twisted
Twisted colored rainbows
Remembering
Remembering back to a distant time

I wonder, did the people of that distant time ever think of us and them
Did they ever see a division or was it just always there
Did the dream of Martin Luther King get deferred?
Or
Did the dream ever really Exist
Exist, like the ones who Died
Died building this Place
This place known as Zion

We go through life watching Triumphs
We go through life watching Failures
Triumphs and Failures obtained in a preterit time

How many times has the sun stalled itself in the middle of the day
Like this day, Any day
That passes through the door
How can You, Me, Them just let it go

Did you ever think that from up above
Lady Holiday and Ella and Good Old Dizzy
Would sing up a trizzy
Going over Whiskey the songs of our reality

Did the ghosts that are all around
All around- the Buildings, Streets, and Shadows of this city
Do they look down
Do they look down
And
Is it in pity?

Do they see how the times have changed
Have they changed- And-
Is it for the better
For there is still and us and them

Like the music of Miles, Coltrane, Louie, and the Count
Which all created a single bond
All single bond of life as one
I wonder did our fore-fathers not say
EQUAL FOR ALL

When Rivera and Frida, Picasso and Botero
Paint our lives
Do they see despair
Or do they see our hope
Do they see One People
Or just a slope

A slippery slope that goes back and forth
Back and forth
Will we go back or Will we go forth

Like Cesar Chavez who bright the plight of the Migrant workers to the world
I can Change the World with my Two Hands
With my Two Hands I can Change the World

Like Martin Luther King who brought the plight of Segregation to the world
You can Change the World with your Two Hands
With your Two Hands you can Change the World

Like Mandela, Tutu, Peltier and Mumia
Who are still bringing to the world a hope for Change
The struggle is up to you
You can struggle a little OR
You can struggle a lot
But regardless of that Struggle
You won't be Denied

So whether you live in Rose Park, Glendale, Poplar Grove
Or
Foothill and Sugarhouse
Whether on the West Side or on the East Side

You can do Better
You can do Better
Than just Survive

So spread your wings out wide
Young and Old, Old and Young

Spread your wings out wide
Brown, Black, Yellow, White

Spread your wings out wide
And fly out high

MAKE THE DREAM COME ALIVE

West Side, East Side, West Side, East Side
Like the wheels of a train
As they go over the tracks
Clank-clank, Clank-clank, Clank-clank

by Juan José García (a.k.a. Jay)

Poem from Spy Hop documentary: The Other Side of The Tracks

Vision Through The Eyes Of Hope

Like a burst of sun from a clouded sky,
a second wind in a marathon,
a joyous hymn from a dark lament,
I am humbled and lifted,
defying gravity and scornful eyes,
the darkest cloud cannot keep me down.

Like the constant sun,
its brilliant rise each day,
despite the gray, tainted view
there is a purity shed,
an untouchable innocence,
a tiny voice that conquers all the demons of the day.

It peels the shadows that cast the heart with gloom,
it sees beyond the highest wall,
and touches the furthest star above.
So it is through her eyes that I must see
so that I can realize it is not about me,
but her.
I must sweep the clouds away to show the path to her,

my love,

my daughter.

by Esha Blosch

Mama Maria

“a mi hablame espanol, no quieras
aparentar lo que no eres!”
are the words of my mother as we break into an
argument.

i always speak to her in english, but
today as we

argue I might be talking too fast for her.
she pays attention, she tries to listen,
finally tired of trying to understand
she breaks down.

i believe it does not hurt her what i'm
saying much, but the fact that she is
missing out.

my brothers and i all speak to her in
english, we

all speak to one another in english.
mama just listens hard trying to be part

of the conversation.

angry frustrated, and sad – she tells
us we are not from here.

but i feel bad for my mother,
i wish that with a snap of my fingers
she could

learn to speak the language she dreads.
the language that keeps her from being
in her children's
life and education.

by Lizbeth Martinez

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Summer Activities & Classes

Computer Classes

Please call for information about summer classes.

Exercise

Group Exercise Class – Mon., Wed., Fri. at 10 a.m.

Tai Chi – Wed. at 11 a.m.

Exercise Room with equipment open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon. – Fri., and until 9 p.m. Wed.

Tap Dancing – Beginning to intermediate class 8:30 a.m. Wed. \$5/month.

Regular Activities

Pool Room – 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. M – Fri., & until 9 p.m. Wed.

Barber – Hair cuts Mon/Wed.

at 8 a.m., Tues/Thurs. at 9:30 a.m.

Ceramics Class & Open Lab Class M - Th 9:30 a.m. Open Lab on Fri. Charged for greenware and paints only.

Oil Painting Class – Tues. 9 a.m.

Wendover Trip – 2nd Wed. of each mo. Bus leaves 9 a.m. – returns 7 p.m. \$12 with \$7 cash back /free buffet lunch. Donuts, Bingo and movie on the bus.

Cooking for One – 1st Thurs. and 4th Wed. of each month. Free! Learn cooking techniques and nutritional information.

Outreach Worker – at the Center each Tues. at 11 a.m.

Brown Bags – Given to qualifying participants 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. Sponsored by Utah Food Bank.

Special Functions

Patriotic Entertainment – July 3rd. 11:30 a.m. Call for lunch reservation.

Free Legal Advice – 8/22 8/15. Must call for a 20 minute attorney appointment.

AARP – 55 Alive Driving Course – 7/15 & 7/17, 12:30-4:30 p.m. \$10 for the 8 hr. course – auto insurance discount given after completion. Call 538-2092 to register.

Lens Crafters – July 17th 10:30 – 2:30. Lens Crafters will clean and adjust your glasses free of charge.

Picnic at Jordan Park – July 29th 10:00 a.m.. Bingo, games and entertainment as well as picnic buffet. Call to make lunch reservations.

Podiatrist – August 21st. Podiatrist Brian Seagle, 10 a.m.– Noon \$5.

Mayoral Candidates Day - September 15th at 10:30.

Come see the different platforms. Be an informed voter. Lunch is served at 12 noon each day – reservations must to be made 24 hrs. in advance.

A \$2 donation is suggested. Call 538-2092 & ask for Shirley.

RESOURCES DIRECTORY

<u>Adoptions, 3rd District Court</u> 238-7201	<u>Drug Enforcement Agency</u> 524-4156	<u>Poison Control Center</u> 581-2151
<u>Aging Services</u> 468-2454	<u>Drug Activity (report)</u> 799-3784	<u>Police Dispatch</u> 799-3000
<u>Meals on Wheels</u> 468-2450	<u>Ethnic Offices, Utah State</u> 538-8850	<u>Post Office</u> 974-2200
<u>AIDS Hotline</u> 1-800-537-1046	<u>Family Planning</u> 584-8242	<u>Prisoner Information Network</u> (PIN)www.prisoner-network.com
<u>Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services</u> 468-2009	<u>Family Shelter</u> 359-4142	<u>Public Utilities</u> <u>Emergency Number</u> 483-6700
<u>Animal Control</u> 535-5402	<u>FBI</u> 579-1400	<u>Rental/Landlord Questions</u> 328-8891
<u>Battered Women's Shelter</u> 537-8600	<u>Fire Dispatch</u> 799-3911	<u>Rose Park Women's Clinic</u> 973-9675
<u>Bend-in-the-River</u> 587-9027	<u>Gang Hotline</u> 799-3647	<u>Smoke Detectors (FREE) SLCFD</u> 799-4173
<u>Board of Health</u> 468-2750	<u>Graffiti Hotline</u> 972-7885	<u>Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center</u> 974-2420
<u>Boys and Girls Club</u> 364-9118	<u>Health Department</u> 359-8749	<u>Spy Hop Productions</u> 532-7500
<u>Building and Housing Permits</u> 535-7751	<u>Homeless Shelter</u> 359-1807	<u>Streets and Cleanup</u> 535-6908
<u>Building Inspections</u> 535-6436	<u>Homeless Outreach (VOA) Detox</u> 364-9414 Ext 6	<u>Sunday Anderson Westside Center</u> 538-2092
<u>Cancer Screening and Control Program</u> 538-6712	<u>Horizonte Instruction & Training Center</u> 578-8574	<u>Suicide Prevention</u> 483-5444
<u>Centro de la Familia</u> 521-4473	<u>Humane Society of Utah</u> 261-2919	<u>Traveler's Aid Society</u> 359-4142
<u>Chamber of Commerce</u> 364-3631 www.salt-lakechamber.org	<u>Indian Recovery Center</u> 328-8515	<u>TreeUtah</u> 364-2122
<u>Chapman Branch Library</u> 524-8285	<u>Info City Offices</u> 535-6333	<u>University Partners</u> 972-3596
<u>Child Abuse/Neglect</u> 538-4377	<u>Job Hotline - Public</u> 535-6625	<u>Utah Food Bank</u> 978-2452
<u>Community Action Program</u> 359-2444	<u>Legal Services of Utah</u> 328-8891	<u>Valley Mental Health</u> 263-7100
<u>Community Support/Police</u> 799-3440	<u>Utah Library - Main Office</u> 524-8200	<u>Wasatch Community Gardens</u> 359-2658
<u>Consumer Protection</u> 530-6601 or 1-800-721-SAFE	<u>Mayor's Office</u> 535-7704	<u>Women's Shelter</u> 359-1807
<u>Day Riverside Library</u> 524-8287	<u>Neighborhood House</u> 363-4589	<u>YWCA</u> 537-8600
<u>Domestic Violence</u> 1800-897-LINK	<u>No More Homeless Pets in Utah (NMHP)</u> (801) 364-0370	<u>Zoning Information</u> 535-7752

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

by Emma E. Houston,
Supervisor
Sunday Anderson Westside
Senior Center

The Sunday Anderson Westside Senior Center recently conducted a survey to determine the nutritional health scores of each participating senior. The survey placed emphasis on healthy eating and reinforced the importance of nutrition as a key component of health, along with physical activity and social interaction.

Poor nutrition is a major problem for older Americans, but the good news is that healthy eating helps us get the most out of our lives. A healthy lifestyle is the key to looking good, feeling great, and being at our best at

work or play.

Good nutrition is a way of life. It not only pertains to what we should eat, but also to controlling how much we should eat. However, even if we become less active as we grow older, we still need the necessary nutrients to maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle. Food provides energy and nutrients that our bodies need to stay healthy.

Although the survey focused on nutrition, we are very aware that a healthy lifestyle is multi-leveled and includes weight management, moderate food in-take, a well rounded variety of foods, and personal fitness.

If you (or someone you know) has been experiencing problems with chewing, upset stomach, inability to shop or prepare

meals, loss of appetite, or lack of sufficient money to purchase food, please stop by and speak with us at the Center. We will connect you with a dietician to discuss alternate diets or we will direct you to someone who can help find solutions to other problems that may exist.

We provide a daily, nutritional, balanced meal for participants at the Center for a modest donation of \$2, which helps supplement the cost of meals provided by the County.

We encourage everyone to take a serious look at their eating habits and if something is not quite right, stop by the Center to chat or fill out our nutrition survey to find out if you have any risk factors. ♦

Bringing Hope to Single Mothers

by Trisha Schelble

Hope is scarce in a single mom's world. She's too busy keeping children fed, clothed, and safe to even think about a better life - never mind to hope it could really happen. Well, the Bringing Hope to Single Moms Foundation is changing all that.

The initial part of the program involves free one-hour classes once a week for ten weeks, in which the participants learn what self-reliance is and how to achieve it. Classes on developing a plan for success include goal setting, developing resources, resume writing / job interviewing skills,

financial management, problem solving skills, and education. Topics such as self esteem and avoiding depression, parenting skills, and learning what a mentor is and why everyone should have one will also be explored.

After the end of the 10-week class, volunteer mentors are matched up with each single mom who has finished the class part of the program. The mentors will be in touch with their single moms once a week to help the mom follow through on the plans she has set in the classes.

Volunteer mentors pledge to remain with the participants for one year to offer counsel and sup-

port. Often they are, or have been, single mothers themselves. Bringing Hope provides on-going training and support for the mentors.

Bringing Hope also collaborates with other nonprofit organizations and professionals from the business sector to provide quality instruction to the participants. "We have had volunteer speakers on topics ranging from mental health to financial management," says Executive Director Karen Mecham.

Bringing Hope also offers free mini-conferences in the months of January through June, October and November on the third Saturday of

the month at 10 a.m. Please check our website or call for current locations and subjects. Limited childcare is provided for 3-8 year olds. A free lunch will be provided by our sponsor, Intermountain Staffing, following each seminar.

Our main conference will be held on Sept. 13 at Granite High School; please contact us for information in August. This conference is an all day event with speakers and booths, and will provide an

opportunity to meet with other single mothers and to make contacts in the community.

To find out more about classes and how you can sign up; to volunteer to be a mentor; to volunteer to teach a class; or to find out more about our conferences call Trisha Schelble with Bringing Hope to Single Moms Foundation at 583-3904 or 856-5505. Or check our website at www.bringinghope.net. ♦

Salt Lake Community Education

Look forward to our fall offerings!

Registration Sept 8 - 19

Classes for all ages - starting Sept 22

Call any SLC District High School/Middle School
or SLC School District office at 578-8236.

Ongoing Events

DAY RIVERSIDE LIBRARY

524-8200 for more information

Book Baby

A fun-filled experience for babies up to age 2 and their caregivers.

1st Wednesday of every month at 10 am.

Hora de Cuentos Para Niños - Bilingual Stories for Children

Every 3rd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Prisoner Information Network

Support group where family, friends, & others can learn about different concerns about the prison system.

2nd Thurs. of each mo.

Internet Training

Learn to navigate the World Wide Web with free training

Every second Sat. of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Internet Training (en espanol)

Clases en espanol sobre la

Internet

Cada Sabado segundo de la mes 11:30 a.m.

NORTHWEST MULTI-PURPOSE

CENTER

Ages 16 and over

Aerobics

9 am Tues/Thurs

6 pm Tues

\$4 per class or 8 punch pass for \$25

Cycling

6:00 pm M - Fri.

Triathlon Training

\$45 per month

Mon, Wed, & Fri p.m.

Yoga

10:00 a.m. Thurs.

Youth Outdoor Soccer

Regis. Ages 4 and up

SORENSON MULTI-CULTURAL

CENTER

Open Recreation

Free program for youth, ages 6-14

Registration required

Mon-Fri 6:00-8:00pm

Girls Night at the Clubhouse

Fun & Educational computer activities

For ages 8-18

Fridays 5:00-7:00pm

Kids Karate

Tues & Thurs 6:00-7:00 pm ages

7-12 Tues & Thurs 7:00-8:00 pm ages 13-17

Healthy Communities Poplar

Grove/Glendale Meetings

4th Tues. of each month 2:30 pm

Neighborhood House

1050 W 500 South

West Side Advisory Committee

Meetings

6:00-8:00 pm Discuss planning and development needs for Salt Lake City's West Side neighborhoods. Every 3rd Thurs. Call 535-7159 for location.

Family Portraits: Unity and

Diversity

ABilingual Reading and

Discussion Series

Last Thurs. of every month 7 - 9 p.m.

Main Library

Rose Park Women's Clinic

Free Full Reproductive Health

Care, incl. birth control, pap

smears, pregnancy testing

Mon & Wed 6-8 pm

973-9675

Northwest Community Center

Free Dental Service Resource

from the Caring Foundation

Call the Boys & Girls Club for

more info.

Items of Interest

Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center

855 West California, SLC UT

974-2420

Boxing

Open sessions

Ages 8 and older

Monday-Friday Afternoons

Quarterly fee of \$10 per quarter for youth, \$30 per quarter for adults.

Liberty Park

Youth City for Ages 10-14

Monday and Wednesday from July 7 through August 15, 1 to 6 pm.

Swimming, folk arts and classes with Tracy Aviary.

Costs range according to income.

525-6129

Central City Recreation Center

(615 S. 300 East)

Classes in piano, film, dance, tennis, chess, cooking, theater, ceramics and digital photography.

Monday-Friday June 18 through August

15. Costs from \$10 to \$75 per week depending on income. Call 538 2062

Fairmont Park

(1050 Sugarmont Drive)

Classes in performing and visual arts.

Monday-Friday June 18 until August 15. Classes are \$10 each.

974-2424.

Global Artways will sponsor free "Arts in the Parks for Families".

Artmaking activities for children of all

ages each Saturday in July and August

11 am to 12 pm.

Liberty Park at the Utah Folk Arts Museum

Fairmont Park on eastside of park next to duck pond.

Utah Hispanic Dance Alliance

Main Library 210 E. 400 S.

July 19, 2 p.m.

Authentic folk dance and music to celebrate the traditions of Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Grandma's Pioneer Trunk

July 21, 2 p.m. at Chapman Branch (577 S. 900 W.)

July 22, 7 p.m. at Day Riverside Branch (1575 W. 1000 N.)

Stories music and fun presented by This Is the Place Heritage Park.

Sister City Organization between Matsumoto City, Japan and Salt Lake City U.S.A.

July 24th Parade

Float to celebrate the 45th anniversary of

Sister City links between Salt Lake City

and Masumoto City. Will include a float with drummers.

Contact : Etsuko Freeman, 969-3907 or efpottery@aol.com

Horizonte Community Care Fair

1234 South Main Street, SLC,

Aug. 14, 4 to 8 p.m., Aug. 15, 12 to 8 p.m., Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community assistance and resource event.

Free medical services, community agency

info. drawings, prizes, daycare provided.

For more info. call the Junior League

Hotline 355-1868.

Planning an event? Want to get the word out?

Contact Charlotte at (801) 355-9572 or

e-mail editor@thewestview.org

University/Neighborhood Partners
brings you
Partners in the Parks

Everyone invited
Every Tuesday night, June –August in a Westside park
Family activities, food, and fun in the park

Coming Attractions

Tuesday July 15: The Healthy Kids Happening
at Westpoint Park,
6-8pm

Tuesday July 29: Celebrating Diversity
at Riverside Park,
6-8pm

Tuesday August 12: Canoe on the river
at Jordan Park,
4:30-9pm(limited space)

Tuesday August 19: The Smile Party
at Sherwood Park,
6-8pm

Tuesday August 26: Games & family fun
at Constitution Park,
6-9pm

Tuesday July 8, August 26 Jordan Park
Tuesday August 5 Poplar Grove
Tuesday July 22 Sherwood Park

For more information, please call Peter at 972-3596
Or pick up a pamphlet at your local library



Los Compañeros de la Universidad y Vecindad
Les ofrece
Compañeros de Fiesta en los Parques

Todos estan invitados
Todos los martes por la tarde, de Junio –Augusto en un parque del
Westside
Actividades para la familia, comida, y mucha diversion en el parque

Actividades!

Por ejemplo:
Martes, 15 de Julio: Chicos Sanos
en Westpoint Park
6-8pm

Martes, 29 de Julio: Celebrando la Diversidad
en Riverside Park
6-8pm

Martes, 12 de Agosto: Paseos en canoa
en Jordan Park
4:30-9pm(espacio limitado)

Martes, 19 de Agosto: La fiesta de los sonrisas
en Sherwood Park
6-8pm

Martes, 26 de Agosto: Juegos y diversion para toda la familia,
en Constitution Park,
6-9pm

Otras citas:

Martes 8 de Julio y 26 de Agosto -Jordan Park
Martes 5 de Agosto - Poplar Grove
Martes 22 de Julio -Sherwood Park

Para mas informacion, llame a Peter al: 972-3596
O recoje un folleto en la biblioteca mas cercana